SAFETY TIPS: HALLOWEEN 2020

Keep yourself, your loved ones, and your community safe this Halloween.
Follow the CDC and MA Department of Public Health COVID-19 guidelines below.

SAFE

- Decorating pumpkins with members of your household or outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Having a virtual costume contest
- Holding Halloween movie night with people you live with
- Having scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home

LESS SAFE

- Going trick-or-treating door-to-door at multiple households
- Having a small group, outdoor costume parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart
- Holding an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends with people spaced at least 6 feet apart

HIGH RISK

- Attending costume parties held indoors
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides if you cannot maintain 6 feet distance from people who are not in your household

TRICK-OR-TREATING

Small changes to traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating protect everyone's safety.
Follow these simple guidelines to minimize the spread of COVID-19:

FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS:

- Maintain 6 feet physical distance from anyone not in your household; avoid large groups and clustering at doorsteps
- Bring hand sanitizer with you and use regularly
- Make sure your costume includes a mask that covers your nose and mouth and is effective at limiting the spread of COVID-19

FOR HANDING OUT TREATS:

- Wear a mask and maintain 6 feet physical distance from any trick-or-treaters; if possible, create one-way paths for trick-or-treaters to use coming and going
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after preparing treat bags or candy for trick-or-treaters
- Avoid using bowls of candy with many hands in and out of it; use tongs or gloves, or line up pre-packed treat bags for families to take from a distance, such as at the end of a driveway or yard

Do not participate if you are feeling unwell, exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms, or if you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the two weeks prior

Gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors. For indoor and outdoor gatherings of more than 10 people where participants other than those in the same household will be in attendance, all persons over the age of 5 must wear a face covering unless they have a medical condition. For more details, see Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 52.

Have a safe and happy Halloween from all of us at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments!

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